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FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7893

INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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LM.O. 11652: N/A

NWAGS: BGEN, SU

SUBJ: BUSINESS INQUIRY

REF: STATE 055351 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS RODI REGEILAN (BORN ABDEL LAP F ABU REGELA) RECENTLY RETURNED KHARTOUM AND WILL BECOME PARTNER WITH MINISTRY LOCAL GOVERNMENT (KHARTOUM MUNICIPALITY) IN BUS COMPANY. PROJECT INVOLVES MUNICIPALITY ASSUMING CONTROL OVER ALL BUSES, MOST OF WHICH NOW INDIVIDUALLY OWNED. GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE 51 PERCENT SHARE, FORMER BUS OWNERS 32 PERCENT AND REGEILAN 17 PERCENT. REGEILAN WOULD SERVE AS ADVISOR/MANAGER OF NEW COMPANY, BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTENANCE AND HAVE AGENCY FOR IMPORTATION NEW BUSES.

2. RE REPUTATION, REGEILAN MEMBER ABUL ELA FAMILY, PROMINENT IN SUDANESE BUSINESS WORLD. THERE IS REPORT, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS INVOLVED IN EMBEZZLEMENT CASE PRIOR WORLD WAR II WHEN WORKING GELLATLY HANKEG KHARTOUM. MORE IMPORTANT, WE UNDERSTAND THAT REGEILAN HAD DIFFICULTIES WHILE OPERATING LARGE BUS COMPANY FOR SEVERAL YEARS IN 1950'S IN CAIRO. HE REPORTEDLY FAILED PAY TAXES AND, AFTER SUCCEEDING GETTING HARD CURRENCY OUT OF COUNTRY, SKIPPED OUT. PROPERTY WHICH HE ABANDONED DID NOT COVER DEBTS OWED.

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3. COMMENT: WHILE REGEILAN'S BACKGROUND CLEARLY  
NOT UNBLEMISHED, QUESTIONABLE ACTIVITIES OCCURRED YEARS  
AGO. HE APPARENTLY HAS CLOSE TIES WNTH AT LEAST SOME  
OFFICIALS GOS. DEPT MAY WISH SEEK FURTHER DETAILS  
REGEILAN'S CAIRO OPERATION FROM EMBASSY CAIRO.  
WE ASSUME CONGEN MILAN IN POSITION GIVE REPORT ON  
MORE RECENT ACTIVITIES BUT NOTE IT NOT ON DISTRIBUTION  
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